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| | Examiner | Art Unit | |
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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 September 2008.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,3-5,8 and 10-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1, 4, 8 and 10-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 3 and 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>1/4/07</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to applicants' communication filed on 9/25/08.

Claims 1, 3-5, 8 and 10-16 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 6-7 and 9 have been canceled.

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 1/4/07 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: the definition of R401 suggests 'an unsaturated chain hydrocarbon group' It should be corrected to read "an unsaturated chain of hydrocarbon group" or "hydrocarbon group containing unsaturated chain". Appropriate correction is required.

Rejection of various claims under 35 USC 112 1st and 2nd paragraphs are hereby withdrawn, subsequent to applicants' arguments.

Rejection of claims under 35 USC 102 over Keaney et al is hereby withdrawn subsequent to applicants' submission of certified translation of the foreign priority document.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. Claims 1, 4, 8, 10-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tonomura et al(Kobe Journal of Medical sciences, 1980, abstract only).

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Tonomura et al, is teaching structurally same compound as thrombin inhibitors, especially when in the instant claim, R3 and R2 are H, R1 is methyl, R5 is substituted carboxyl, R⁴² is H and R⁴¹ is R⁴⁰²S(O)m, and R⁴⁰² is substituted hydrocarbon. Inasmuch as the reference compounds are thrombin inhibitors, they inherently teach the method of teaching arthritis, psoriasis and multiple sclerosis, absent evidence to the contrary.

See below the structure and the reference.

AU Tonomura, Shinji; Kikumoto, Ryoji; Tamao, Yoshikuni; Ohkubo, Kazuo;
Okamoto, Shosuke; Kinjo, Kiyokatsu; Hijikata, Akiko

CS Cent. Res. Lab., Mitsubishi Chem. Ind. Ltd., Japan

SO Kobe Journal of Medical Sciences (1980), 26(1), 1-9

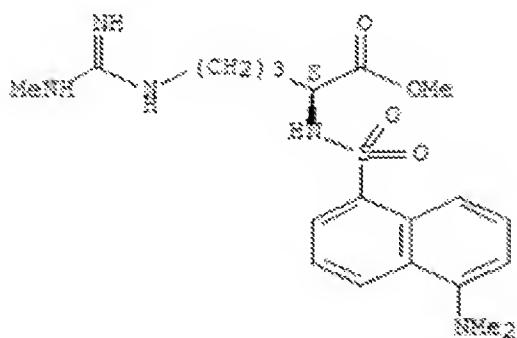
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RN 74672-32-8 REGISTRY
EC Entered STN: 16 Nov 1984
CN L-Ornithine, N2-((6-(dimethylamino)-1-naphthalenyl)sulfonyl)-N5-
(amino(methylamino)methyl)-, methyl ester (CA INDEX NAME)
RS STEREOSEARCH
MF C30 H29 N5 O4 S
LC STN files: CA, CASREG

Absolute stereochemistry.



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4. Claims 3 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHAILENDRA -. KUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-0640. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 8:00-5:30, Alt Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Sullivan can be reached on (571)272-0779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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